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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UNCHANGED

The October 2003 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 97 (1991=100) was unchanged from September's revised level but up 13 points from October 2002. The midmonth price for corn, winter wheat and barrows and gilts decreased from last month. The mid-October price for soybeans, sows, all milk, and eggs increased from September.

Commodities for which the mid-month price decreased from the previous year

include corn, winter wheat, and milk cows. The mid-month price for soybeans, all hogs, all milk, and eggs increased from the October 2002 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 89 was up 1 point from last month's revised index and 25 points above October 2002. The Crop Price Index of 102 was down 1 point from the revised index a month ago but 5 points above October last year.

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AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -- INDIANA AND UNITED STATES OCTOBER 2003 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

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			Indiana		United States				
Commodity	Unit	October 2002	September 2003	October 15 2003	October 2002	September 2003	October 15 2003		
			Dollars		<u>Dollars</u>				
Corn	Bu.	2.38	2.27	2.01	2.34	2.20	2.02		
Soybeans	Bu.	5.24	6.49	7.09	5.20	6.06	6.94		
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.89	3.35	3.09	4.32	3.32	3.14		
Oats	Bu.	<u>7</u> /	<u>7</u> /	<u>7</u> /	1.80	1.38	1.37		
All Hay <u>2</u> /	Ton	<u>7</u> / <u>6</u> /	<u>7</u> / <u>6</u> /	<u>7</u> / <u>6</u> /	93.80	84.20	84.40		
Alfalfa Hay 2/	Ton	<u>6</u> /	<u>6</u> /	<u>6</u> /	102.00	89.00	88.80		
Other Hay $\frac{2}{2}$	Ton	<u>6</u> / <u>6</u> / <u>6</u> /	<u>6</u> / <u>6</u> / <u>6</u> /	<u>6</u> / <u>6</u> / <u>6</u> /	74.50	70.10	71.40		
Apples <u>2</u> /	Lb.	<u>6</u> /	<u>6</u> /	<u>6</u> /	.301	.251	.273		
All Hogs	Cwt.	29.10	40.50	38.20	30.80	39.60	37.70		
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	29.90	41.10	38.60	31.40	40.10	38.10		
Sows	Cwt.	22.30	34.30	34.50	19.20	30.80	31.10		
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6</u> /	<u>6</u> /	<u>6</u> /	64.60	85.10	91.60		
Milk Cows 3/	Head	1450.00	<u>3</u> /	1350.00	1430.00	<u>3</u> /	1370.00		
All Milk	Cwt.	12.00	13.80	14.40	12.10	14.40	14.80		
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	12.10	13.80	<u>4</u> /	12.10	14.40	14.80		
Manufactured	Cwt.	10.50	13.60	<u>4</u> /	11.30	14.10	14.40		
Eggs <u>5</u> /	Doz.	.400	.650	.750	.351	.634	.703		
Turkeys <u>2</u> /	Lb.	<u>6</u> /	<u>6</u> /	<u>6</u> /	.372	.357	.386		

1/ Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise. 2/ Mid-month Price. 3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacements only. Prices published in January, April, July, and October. 4/ Only Whole-month Price published. 5/ Mid-month price for Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Monthly estimates discontinued. 7/ Not Published.

SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 6 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 489 million eggs during September 2003, 6 percent below a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 22.6 million, was up 1 percent from last month but 1 percent below last year. The rate of lay at 2,162 eggs per 100 layers was down 5 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 5.25 million egg-type chicks during September, up 8 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-September 2003 was 44.4 million, down 1 percent from the same period of 2002.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.05 billion during September 2003, down 1 percent from last year. Production

included 6.04 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 961 million were broiler-type and 55.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2003 averaged 332 million, down 2 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,127 eggs, up slightly from September 2002. Egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 35.8 million, up slightly from September 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.1 million on October 1, 2003, up 1 percent from a year ago.



EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., SEPTEMBER 2002-2003

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	Indiana			United States				
ltem	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002		
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	22,839	22,613	99	337,264	331,659	98		
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,272	2,162	95	2,119	2,127	100		
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	519	489	94	7,147	7,054	99		
Table Eggs (millions)	507	477	94	6,100	6,038	99		
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	12	100	1,046	1,016	97		
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	4,843	5,247	108	35,734	35,777	100		
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	740,396	739,191	100		

^{1/} Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on October 1, 2003. The inventory was 2 percent below October 1, 2002 and 8 percent below October 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.24 million steers and steer calves, down slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.91 million head, down 4 percent from 2002.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, 13 percent above 2002 and 16 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.41 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 698,000, 600-699 pounds were 545,000, 700-799 pounds were 610,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 621,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 2.03 million, 10 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during September, 19 percent above 2002 and 37 percent above 2001.



INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during September 2003 totaled 119.0 million pounds, 4 percent above a year earlier. The total live weight of the 3,300 cattle slaughtered during September was 3.5 million pounds. The 800 calves slaughtered during September 2003 totaled 105,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 605,100 hogs killed totaled 155.1 million pounds. The 2,900 sheep slaughtered during September 2003 totaled 314,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during September 2003 totaled 4.01 billion pounds, a monthly record high, up 3 percent from the 3.87 billion pounds produced in September 2002. Beef production, at 2.31 billion pounds and a monthly record high, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.12

million head, up 9 percent from 2002. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from the previous year, at 1,227 pounds. Veal production totaled 15.4 million pounds, 6 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 82,600 head, down 7 percent from September 2002. The average live weight was 5 pounds above last year, at 308 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, a monthly record high, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.55 million head, 1 percent above September 2002. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 263 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.9 million pounds, was down 4 percent from September 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 256,300 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 3 pounds from September a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/ Indiana United States								
Species	September		Jan - Sep		September		Jan - Sep	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	3.5	3.3	28.3	29.2	2,866.7	3,122.9	26,835.1	27,357.1
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,061	1,061	1,062	1,053	1,263	1,227	1,246	1,230
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	3,686	3,483	30,068	30,739	3,619,953	3,832,666	33,427,095	33,632,862
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	1.4	0.8	25.4	6.7	88.9	82.6	755.4	738.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	125	126	295	126	303	308	313	317
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	178	105	7,490	847	26,979	25,398	236,620	234,537
<u>Hogs</u>								
Number of Head (000)	590.9	605.1	5,138.4	5,134.2	8,505.5	8,554.2	73,547.5	73,209.4
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	253	256	258	259	260	263	264	265
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	149,524	155,10	1,325,53	1,331,90	2,215,539	2,245,673	19,447,416	19,426,537
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	2.9	2.9	26.3	25.4	276.3	256.3	2,435.9	2,210.4
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	111	108	107	108	128	131	133	133
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	325	314	2,813	2,745	35,374	33,594	325,189	293,810

^{1/} Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES HIGHLIGHTS

Cheddar Cheese prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.58 per pound for the week ending October 25. The price per pound increased 0.8 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.58 per pound, up 0.9 cents from the previous week.

Butter prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.17 per pound for the week ending October 25. The U.S. price per pound increased 2.4 cents from the previous week.

Nonfat Dry Milk prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged 81.0 cents per pound for the week ending October 25. The U.S. price per pound was unchanged from the previous week.

Dry Whey prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 19.3 cents per pound for the week ending October 25. The U.S. price per pound increased 0.4 cents from the previous week.

TURKEY HATCHERY

Turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 2003, in the United States totaled 28.1 million, down 4 percent from October 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent below the September 2003 total of 28.4 million. The 22.2 million

poults placed during September 2003 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 8 percent from the August 2003 total of 24.0 million.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division <u>1</u> /	Eggs in Ir Octob		Percent of Previous Year	Poults During Sep	Percent of Previous	
	2002	2003		2002	2003	Year
	Thous	ands_	Percent	Thous	Percent	
E N Central	4,961	4,437	89	3,487	3,565	102
W N Central	11,295	11,247	100	8,475	8,796	104
N & S Atlantic	8,767	8,506	97	6,581	6,608	100
S Central	2,529	2,342	93	2,116	1,758	83
West	1,678	1,612	96	2,011	1,450	72
U.S.	29,230	28,144	96	22,670	22,177	98

^{1/} E N Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, and WI; W N Central: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, and SD; N & S Atlantic: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, PA, RI, VT, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV; S Central: AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, and TX; West: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, and WY.

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^{2/} Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.